

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1495

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of BELTWAY)	
LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC.,)	Served February 10, 1976
for a Certificate of)	
Public Convenience and)	Application No. 889
Necessity to Perform)	
Charter Operations)	
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Application of BELTWAY)	Application No. 909
LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC.,)	
for Temporary Authority)	Consolidated
to Perform Charter)	
Operations)	Docket No. 299

By Application No. 909, filed January 22, 1976, Beltway Limousine Service, Inc., (Beltway) seeks temporary authority, pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) of the Compact, to transport passengers, together with mail, express, baggage, and newspapers, over irregular routes, in charter operations, between points which are located within the Metropolitan District, except those points located solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia, limited to limousine service.

Beltway previously filed Application No. 889 seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity which, if granted, would authorize the permanent performance of this transportation service. By Order No. 1474, served November 20, 1975, 1/ the Commission scheduled that application for

1/ The proposed operations set forth in the temporary authority application are identical to the proposed operations set forth in the permanent authority application and page 1 of Order No. 1474. A delineation of the proposed temporary authority operations is not repeated herein.

public hearing to commence on January 8, 1976. Beltway also filed a motion to consolidate for public hearing Application No. 889 with two separate applications by Executive Limousine Service, Inc. (Executive). By Order No. 1479, served December 10, 1975, the Commission consolidated merely for the purpose of public hearing Executive's Applications No. 877 and 886 and Beltway's Application No. 889.

The public hearing was convened on January 8, 1976. As a result of noncompliance by both Beltway and Executive with various procedural requirements, the public hearing was continued to February 23 and 24, 1976.

Under Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) of the Compact, the Commission must base any decision to grant temporary authority to provide a specific service upon the findings that there is an immediate and urgent need to a point or points within a territory and that there is no carrier service capable of meeting such need. So finding, the Commission may, in its discretion and without hearings or other proceedings, grant temporary authority.

Beltway states that there is an immediate and urgent need for the proposed service and that there is no existing carrier service available to meet this need. As support for its statements, Beltway submitted an affidavit. The affidavit expresses a belief that there is an immediate need for the proposed service, especially for groups ranging between eight and fifteen persons. The affidavit also expresses the belief that the immediate need is not being served by any present carrier. The affidavit was signed by the chairman of the Washington Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, the general manager of the Sheraton Silver Spring, the president of Central Tours, the general manager of the Sheraton-Lanham, the general manager of the Washingtonian Motel, the executive director of the Suburban Maryland Homebuilders Association, the president of Gaithersburg Travel, the general manager of Ramada Inn in Rockville, the executive director of the Washington, D. C., Homebuilders Association, the director of marketing at the Du Pont Plaza Hotel, the general manager of the Gramercy Inn, the director of marketing at the Marriott Hotel in Rosslyn, and the assistant executive director of the American College of Cardiology.

Beltway's Application No. 909 seeks temporary authority to provide charter limousine service between all points within the Metropolitan District except points which are solely within Virginia. Executive seeks the same temporary authority by its Application No. 886. The Commission believes that these separate applications should be determined at the same time. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule of Practice and Procedure 20-02, the Commission shall consolidate Beltway's Applications No. 889 and 909 for the purpose of public hearing. In that Beltway's Application No. 889 has been consolidated with Executive's Applications No. 877 and 886, the Commission shall have the opportunity to review the evidence and consider each of these applications following the public hearing currently scheduled.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Application No. 909 of Beltway Limousine Service, Inc., be, and it is hereby, consolidated for the purpose of public hearing with Application No. 889 of Beltway Limousine Service, Inc.

2. That the consolidated proceeding be, and it is hereby, scheduled for public hearing to commence Monday, February 23, 1976, at 10:00 A. M., in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'William H. McGilvery', is written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

